

March 12 1945

Mr John R. Williams
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Dear Mr Williams:

I am writing in answer to your two letters of March 8th, and your telephone conversation today. I am enclosing the check for \$250.00 which you requested, but at the same time I am asking you to reconsider the date you have offered me. I am enclosing you a schedule of the date we have been offered at Ruppert Stadium this season, and the date you offered me in Detroit is one of them, as I explained to you. I am sure you know what a struggle it has been to get the Negro Baseball to the place it now enjoys, and I am grateful to the ballparks for gambling with us when the crowds were small. As a result I think we should try to take all the business to them we can now that times are better.

I am sure you could give us a date in Detroit when we cannot be at home in Newark. I am sure none of the other teams are leaving there home park idle to come to Detroit. One of our big problems has been not having enough spots to play in.

I talked to Pompey today, and asked him who he was playing in Detroit, and when. He said he did not know. I am sure you can arrange the schedule so it will fit in with the home schedule of the teams involved. I do not like the selfish attitude of thinking only of The Eagles. I would like to play fair with Ruppert Stadium, that has cooperated so beautifully with me.

We are meeting in New York March 19th to make up our schedule.

Very Truly Yours